

Very Cheap Money.

The Under Dogs Combine.

Upper Dogs Annoyed.

Europe's Kaleidoscope.

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It will interest everybody, surprise many, to know that money all over the world is cheaper than it has been for years.

European cables indicate that Europe awoke in astonishment, dismay, and anger to discover Russia and Germany combined in a treaty for trade and other purposes. It seems never to have occurred to the allies that the underdogs of war might combine, if they were sufficiently well kicked to make a combination the only way.

The allies may well worry. France, England, and Italy have a total population of about 113,000,000. Germany and Russia have a population of 200,000,000. In Germany and Russia populations obey orders. They will fight if told to fight. There is serious doubt in the minds of leading Englishmen as to the response of England's population to an invitation to resume fighting on the Continent, with more trenches, more tanks, etc.

They would all count, probably, on getting three or four million men from here and ten billions or so more money. There might be some slight doubt even about THAT.

There need not be any fighting. And it would not come soon in any case, for war preparations would have to be made in Russia under German directions. That would take time. It is only necessary for the allies, advised by Lloyd George, to realize that they cannot make permanent white slaves of two hundred millions of people.

Lloyd George has told the French that the amount of gold they demand from Germany is more than the United States itself could possibly pay, although we have two-thirds of the world's gold.

The danger now is that Russians and Germans, observing how easy it is to upset the allied equilibrium, may begin building alliances toward the East with Turkey, and various peoples that the Bolsheviks have been cultivating in Asia, etc.

With Russia for a friend and ally, Germany's greatest problem, raw material, is settled.

In Russia she can get iron, coal, oil, and platinum, much more valuable than gold. She can get copper in quantities unlimited; she has mechanics and managers that know how to utilize these things.

This news of the Russian-German agreement is the biggest world news since the armistice. It means that the allies must content themselves with peace on the basis of that which is possible—giving up dreams of the impossible. You may be sure that there has been plain speaking by England's representatives since the news came out.

The combination of Germany-Russia and Turkey might mean Constantinople, the Dardanelles, and later the Mediterranean, in the hands of England's enemies, upsetting the careful diplomacy of centuries. Europe before long may rue the Washington conference battleship scrapping.

In nine hours and fifty-six minutes of actual flying a Loening seaplane traveled from Palm Beach to New York city, twelve hundred and ten miles. The express train takes five times as long. How long will it take express trains to join the discarded stage coaches? That question is interesting to owners of railroad stocks. But don't sell in a hurry.

John K. Grodi, of Toledo, Ohio, said: "I bought three cotton handkerchiefs for 27 cents. They weighed less than two ounces. At that rate cotton would cost \$2.16 a pound. Twelve hundred and fifty per cent on what the farmer gets for 16-cent cotton."

Mr. Grodi thinks that there is something wrong when it costs twelve times as much to manufacture and sell the cotton as it does to pick it, cultivate it, fertilize it, plant it, and market it. And he is right.

CONSPIRACY CHARGED IN FATAL FEUD

Bulgaria Rules Hollis Divorce Is Illegal

MINISTER GRANTING IT LACKED A LICENSE

Legation Here Asks Additional Information—Riled by "Reflection" Cast on Country.

By International News Service.

The divorce procured in Bulgaria by Henry F. Hollis, ex-United States Senator from New Hampshire, was "irregular and illegal," according to an official notice received at the Bulgarian legation here today from the government in Sofia.

Following his procurement of a Bulgarian divorce, Senator Hollis went to Rome, where he was married again, the American ambassador, Richard Washburn Child, standing up with him.

Not Sanctioned by State.

The Bulgarian government, the advices stated, did not sanction the divorce obtained by the former Senator. It was obtained from a Unitarian minister, Anton Topilsky, in the town of Dupnitsa. Hollis himself is a Unitarian.

All marriages and divorces in Bulgaria, it was said at the legation, are made through the churches, the country having no state divorce laws. The principal denominations in Bulgaria are the Greek Orthodox (Catholic), Mohammedan, Baptist and Jewish. The church of which Topilsky is the pastor is said to be the only Unitarian church in Bulgaria and is understood to have only a few members.

Topilsky, according to officials at the legation, has never been officially recognized by the Bulgarian government as a minister, although he is thought to have been ordained as a Unitarian pastor in some city outside of Bulgaria.

He was drafted into the Bulgarian army during the late war, but protested on the ground that he was a minister and therefore exempt from military service. His plea, it was stated, was not recognized by the government and he was compelled to serve.

Facte Asked By Minister.

The cablegram received at the legation today was in reply to requests made to the Government at Sofia by the Bulgarian minister as the result of explanations demanded in this country of the speed and ease with which Hollis was divorced, although his wife was not present at the time. The Bulgarian laws, it was explained, while not providing means for legal divorces, turn this authority over to the churches, and require that the defendant in any divorce action should be present when the hearing is had before a priest or minister with power to grant the decree.

Zaprian D. Vidloff, second secretary of the Bulgarian legation, who is himself a Baptist minister and is acquainted with Topilsky, today wrote him a letter asking a full explanation of the manner in which the Hollis divorce was granted.

Vidloff said that his inquiry was prompted by statements in this country that "nowhere in the world could a divorce be obtained so easily as in Bulgaria."

Note Clears Up Mystery.

Until the cablegram from Sofia reached here today, Bulgarian officials had regarded the Hollis divorce as something of a "mystery," knowing that it would have been impossible for it to have been granted by a priest of the Orthodox church or by pastors of any of the other denominations recognized by the government.

Bulgaria Declares Her Husband's Divorce Is Illegal



International News Reel

MRS. GRACE HOLLIS.

Of Concord, N. H., whose husband, former Senator Henry F. Hollis, recently married Miss Anne White Hobbs in Paris after announcing he had secured a divorce.

WIFE OF BOBBY SLAYER.

PUT IN CELL FOR THEFT

NEW YORK, April 19.—Mrs. Luther Boddy, wife of the young Harlem negro awaiting execution for the murder of Detective William A. Miller and Francis Buckley, was arrested yesterday, charged with the theft of clothing and dishes from the home of Dr. Orestes Castagna, where she recently obtained employment as a maid under the name of Dorothy Brown.

Mrs. Castagna identified her in the rogues' gallery at police headquarters, and two detectives found her in Park Row, near Brooklyn bridge. They said she fought them all the way to headquarters, and tried to throw herself in front of a subway train at the Canal street station. Letters of recommendation offered by the young woman were forged, the police said.

MISS MCCORMICK WILL

BECOME BRIDE IN MONTH

CHICAGO, April 19.—Miss Mathilde McCormick, daughter of Harold F. McCormick and granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller, will sail for Europe with her father in a month or two, and will marry Max Oser, Swiss riding master, in Switzerland. Howard A. Colby, friend of the McCormick family, announced yesterday.

Oser, he said, would not come to this country. Asked whether Mr. Rockefeller had given his consent to the marriage, Mr. Colby said:

"Oh, they'll probably win him over." He added, however, that the wedding is "absolutely going through."

ROADS FACE BANKRUPTCY

OR U. S. RULE, SAYS LAUCK

A warning that American railroads are facing either Federal control or bankruptcy, due to mismanagement by financiers was issued today by W. Jett Lauck, consulting economist for the American Federation of Labor, in appearing before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee.

Lauck declared the present condition of "inefficiency and dwindling profits" on American roads was the result of their control by "men who know how to manipulate stocks and bonds rather than by men who knew something about transportation."

SHIP SINKS; SALT IN HOLD

DISSOLVES AND IT FLOATS

NORFOLK, Va., April 19.—Capt. L. P. Power, of the schooner Cumberland Queen and his wife, given over for dead in the wreck of the ship, are in Norfolk today.

The ship, after grounding twice, finally ran aground in deep water. They captain and crew were taken to Charleston. Then the salt cargo, with which the vessel was heavily laden, dissolved and the lightened ship bobbed up again to be rescued by the coast guardmen.

GIRL ACCEPTS HIS 500TH

PROPOSAL OF MARRIAGE

GERMANY REPLIES TO ALLIES

DOVER AXE WHETTED FOR BLAIR CONSPIRACY

Revenue Chief's Order About Appointments Opposed by Superior.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy

Elmer Dover, official "axeman" of the Harding administration in the Treasury Department, may next let his influence be felt in the possible removal of David H. Blair, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, it was indicated today.

Disapproval of Blair Order.

Assistant Secretary Dover today said he knew nothing of an order issued by Commissioner Blair yesterday afternoon, placing in the hands of R. C. Pollock, acting chief of the Internal Revenue Bureau's appointment division, full responsibility for the selection and assignments of all employees of the bureau, until the order had gone broadcast and was public knowledge.

"Do you approve of Mr. Blair's order?" Mr. Dover was asked. His answer was an emphatic "no."

Mr. Dover declined to designate exactly the line of action he would pursue in the case, but his activities in the Treasury Department since his appointment, including approximately 500 changes in personnel, serve as an index to his probable action in the case.

Commissioner Blair and Mr. Pollock today said the order was merely the resuscitation of an old order, first made in 1919 and sent out later from time to time, to call attention to the fact that negotiations for positions in the Internal Revenue Bureau must be made directly with the appointment division or higher officials of the bureau.

Blair Explains Order.

Commissioner Blair said the order was reissued at this time because a prospective employee of the bureau had taken up the subject of his appointment with a division head unrelated to the bureau, and was promised a position. When the official failed to secure the appointment, the job-seeker made a complaint, which reached the ears of Commissioner Blair.

"Except for the dropping of a paragraph and changes in the words of the opening paragraph," Mr. Pollock said, "the order is exactly as it was in 1919. There is nothing new or unusual about it."

The effect of the order will be to concentrate the bureau's point of contact with the Civil Service Commission, in the words of the notice, precluding Congressional or departmental influence in securing positions in the bureau. All applicants for positions not entirely covered by civil service or Presidential appointment are affected.

ARID LAND RECLAMATION

APPROVED BY HARDING

President Harding today assured a delegation of far Western Senators that the McNary reclamation bill, involving \$250,000,000 in reclaiming arid lands and swamp lands in Southern and Western States, has his full support.

The Western Senators were becoming fearful that the reclamation bill would be knowned in their hurry to pass bonus tariff and ship subsidy legislation, and adjourn the present session. In the delegation that called at the White House today were Burton of New Mexico, Odell of Nevada, McNary of Oregon, Nicholson of Colorado, and Jones of Washington.

BALL GAME CALLED OFF

AS RAIN IS PREDICTED

FATAL FEUD IS LAID TO CONSPIRACY

Four Men, All Related, Jailed at Middleburg Despite One's Confession of Guilt.

By Staff Correspondent.

LEESBURG, Va., April 19.—A real murder mystery, growing out of a feud nearly a decade old, today is slowly unraveling itself in the town of Middleburg, a thriving village fifteen miles from here.

Four men, all of whom are under arrest, charged with murder, and feeling is high in the little town, where the feud culminated Saturday night in the shooting to death of Irving Hatcher, forty-five years old, a produce dealer, of Loudoun county and Washington, D. C.

Stories Confict.

Commonwealth Attorney Carg Connor today admitted that the testimony surrounding the shooting of Hatcher was so disconnected that he had found it necessary to call upon the citizenry of Middleburg to aid in the solution of the crime.

Hatcher was killed at 10 o'clock Saturday night in front of William Mitchell's store. Milton Furr, twenty years old, later confessed to the crime and was ordered held by the coroner's jury.

Further investigation, however, led the Commonwealth attorney to believe a conspiracy existed, and he ordered Charles Furr, father of Milton, and two other relatives, Aleck Furr and Louis Furr, arrested and charged them also with murder.

All four of the men were in Leesburg Sunday attending the coroner's inquest. Milton Furr confessed, declaring he shot Hatcher. He was sent to the county jail and Monday was released in \$1,500 bail. Aleck Furr, Milton's cousin, who also was in the hands of the authorities Sunday, was released.

Citizens Incensed.

On Monday, however, feeling was so high in Middleburg that an indignation meeting was called and 400 citizens attended. They demanded to know of the Commonwealth attorney why the two Furr boys were released. He told the citizens evidence showed that Milton Furr shot in self defense and that Aleck Furr had no hand in the killing.

That same night at a coroner's inquest testimony was given by people of Middleburg which indicated, according to Attorney Connor, that the four members of the Furr family conspired to shoot Hatcher. The arrest of Aleck, Charles, and Louis Furr was then ordered. These men are in the county jail, while Milton Furr is at liberty under bond.

Mrs. Belmont Goes Bond.

The four men will be arraigned before Justice of the Peace W. P. Taylor, of Middleburg, early next week.

Mrs. Raymond Belmont, daughter-in-law of August Belmont, of New York, furnished Milton's bond. It was said today that Mrs. Belmont, due to the feeling in and around Middleburg, desired to relieve herself of the responsibility, and it is expected she will surrender the young man to the authorities.

The trouble between Hatcher and the Furr family is said to have started many years ago, but never reached serious consequence until about ten days ago. The two Furr boys, Milton and Louis, it is said, visited Hatcher's farm a week ago Sunday, and, it is alleged, "raised a rough house" by firing off shots and using profane language in the presence of Mrs. Hatcher, wife of the man who was killed.

Hatcher, who was not home at the time, is said to have later upbraided young Milton and declared "I'll kill you if you come near my place again."

Feud Grows Intense.

Charles Furr, father of Milton Furr, accompanying the boy, and fearing for the life of his son, went to Justice Tyler on the same day and home season on the Polo Grounds tomorrow.

FATTY, "NOT GUILTY," KISSES LOYAL WIFE



International News Reel

Reverie ("Fatty") Arbuckle, film comedian, did not require a director to say "Register joy" when the jury acquitted him of manslaughter in San Francisco, and the kiss recorded by the Camera here was one of the many received from his wife, Minta Durfee, of the stage, who remained loyal to her husband during his three trials.

LADY ASTOR IN NEW YORK GAY AS YOUNG GIRL

First Woman in Parliament Says She Is Not Here on Any Mission.

By KENNETH D. TOOMLL.

International News Service.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Lady Nancy Astor, first English woman M. P., who in her "débüt" days was one of "the beautiful Langhorns" of Virginia, returned to the land of her birth today as vivacious and lovely as when she flourished in the society of the Old Dominion.

As the giant ocean liner Olympic passed Quarantine, a horde of reporters and photographers boarded the vessel and dashed down the gangway leading to her suite. At the bottom stood Lady Nancy.

"O, husband, husband, come and help me," she cried, laughingly. Lord Astor came forward, but was lost in the shuffle as his dainty wife was half carried up to the upper deck for photographs.

"Entering parliament for the first time was a picnic compared to this," she said gayly, as she leaped, girl-like, onto the top of a ventilator shaft so that the "movie men" could picture her.

The minute the last shutter clicked she danced off her perch, and, turning to her impromptu reception committee, slapped several on the back energetically.

"You'll have to wait your time," she said, as the reporters pushed forward.

Then she produced from some hidden recess in her costume a few typewritten statements.

FILM BAN MAY END ARBUCKLE'S SCREEN CAREER

Hays Outlaws All Finished Pictures of Comedian, Freed on Slaying Charge.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Will H. Hays, former Postmaster General and now dictator of policies for the movies of the United States, has temporarily banned the showing of any films, either old or new, featuring Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbuckle, just acquitted at his third trial of the charge of responsibility for the death of Virginia Rappe, screen actress, at a wild party in San Francisco.

All Bookings Cancelled.

Hays' action is the most drastic and far-reaching move he has made since he accepted the big movie position and announced that he would devote his efforts to cleaning up the motion picture business.

Hays ruled that all Arbuckle films must be withdrawn from distribution and that the ban may be permanent. Whether this can be made to apply abroad is a question.

Hays' statement is as follows: "After consultation at length with Nicholas Schenck, Adolph Zukor and Jesse Lasky, I will state that at my request they have cancelled all bookings and showings of Arbuckle films."

"They do this that the whole matter may have the consideration that its importance warrants and their action is taken notwithstanding the fact that they had nearly 10,000 contracts in force for the Arbuckle pictures." (Signed) "WILL H. HAYS."

Loss of Millions.

Moving picture producers estimate that cancellation of 10,000 showings of the Arbuckle pictures will mean a loss to the cinema industry of from one to two million dollars.

CHARGES MADE BY BIG FIVE REFUTED

Delegates Plan to Return to Berlin If Barred From Genoa Discussions.

By International News Service.

GENOA, April 19.—The reparations commission is considering the possibility of ordering Germany to annul the Russo-German treaty on the ground that Germany disposed of potential resources on which the reparations commission holds a mortgage.

LONDON, April 19.—The Treasury announced today that Great Britain will not take any action with regard to negotiations to the United States debt funding commission until the conclusion of the Genoa conference.

By International News Service.

PARIS, April 19.—"Germany's answer to the allies reflects point by point the allegations of disloyalty and breach of the Versailles treaty," said a special Genoa dispatch to L'Information today.

The newspaper adds that the German probably will return to Berlin if the decision barring them from admission to the subcommittees is sustained.

Federal Reserve Bank To Be Invited to Join In European Parley

By International News Service.

GENOA, April 19.—Representatives of the American Federal Reserve Bank system will be invited to a conference of banks of issue to be held shortly after the Genoa conference, it is proposed at the conference here today.

The proposal was made by Sir Robert S. Horne, British chancellor of the exchequer. The conference is expected to adopt the proposal tomorrow.

Horne's proposal is for a parley entirely separate from the economic conference now being held.

"American participation in the banking conference is imperative," Sir Robert said.

"America can no more isolate herself from Europe than Europe can get along without American aid."

One of the purposes of the conference, according to Sir Robert, is to seek stabilization of exchange through a return to the gold basis. America holds the key to this process, he declared.

"The main object of the conference," Sir Robert said, "is to seek a return to old-fashioned principles, such as people paying their debts and balancing their budgets."

"America can either make or break this conference. She cannot be ignored."

Germans Preparing Statement on Pact Made With Russians

By S. D. WEYER.

International News Service.

GENOA, April 19.—"We'll do everything we can to avoid a break," Walter Rathenau, head of the German delegation, declared today in discussing the statement of the allied powers barring Germany from further participation in the dealings with Russia.

The German leader made it plain, however, that he and his colleagues are determined not to accept the stigma of duplicity carried in the allied note. The Germans are working on a reply which probably will be made public late today.

Barthou today made it plain that France will not back down from her stand.

"Under no circumstances will the